

Phils take game one of opening week series vs. Texas
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Despite a four-hit, three-run ninth inning, the Texas Rangers fell to the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 at Citizens Bank Park on opening day, March 26, 2026.

Texas' pitcher Nathan Eovaldi allowed eight hits and five runs through four innings, while his counterpart, Christopher Sanchez, allowed no runs and only three hits through six innings.

The Phillies opened up scoring in the first inning. Trea Turner earned a single on the first pitch the team saw, and then Kyle Schwarber homered in the next at-bat.

Texas did well to hold the Phillies off until the fifth, thanks to defensive grabs like Sam Haggerty laying out to prevent Bryce Crawford from scoring on a line drive from Trea Turner.

Sanchez struck out 10 batters through six innings.

Alec Bohm homered in the sixth to bring in the last three runs the Phillies would see on Thursday, after homering with Trea Turner and Bryce Crawford on base. The Rangers manager, Skip Schumacher, then made the call to put Jalen Beeks on the mound.

In the eighth, Texas Rangers pitcher Carter Baumler relieved Beeks giving him his MLB debut.

The Rangers did not score until the ninth inning, when third baseman Jake Burger propelled a 92 mph sinker left high in the zone, 438 feet for a home run. Scoring himself and shortstop Corey Seager.

Kyle Higashioka was then pinch-hit for Joc Pederson, and then reached base on a single. Higashioka then scored on a single from Danny Jansen. Evan Carter then grounded out to first, giving the Phillies the 5-3 win.

The series will continue March 28 at 3:05 CT.